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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ANDREW YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, UNGA, ECOSOC
SUBJECT: SITE OF CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. ON THURSDAY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL DECIDE ON THE SITE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. I NEED YOUR DECISION ON WHETHER TO TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT UN MEMBERS CAN CHOOSE THE U.S. IF THEY SO DESIRE. THIS WOULD REQUIRE US TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION.

2. THE PROCEDURAL SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS:
--ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUSTRIA, WHICH HAS INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION ON ITS OWN BEHALF, WILL ASK FOR A SECRET BALLOT.

--MEXICO, WHICH HAS INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION ASKING
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THAT THE SITE BE IN A "DEVELOPING COUNTRY", WILL CHALLENGE THE AUSTRIAN MOTION.

--IF THE MEXICAN CHALLENGE IS SUCCESSFUL, THEN THERE WILL BE AN OPEN VOTE ON THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, WITH THE AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION VOTED UPON FIRST. IF THE AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION FAILS, THEN

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THE NEXT RESOLUTION WILL BE VOTED UPON.

--IF THE MEXICAN CHALLENGE FAILS, THEN THE MEMBER-
SHIP WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE, IN A SECRET BALLOT,
BY INDICATING WHICH SITE EACH MEMBER PREFERS AMONG
THOSE PROPOSED.

--IN ORDER FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BE CONSIDERED,
WE MUST INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON OUR OWN BEHALF
PROMPTLY THURSDAY MORNING. IF WE FAIL TO DO SO,
WE WILL BE PROCEDURALLY FORECLOSED FROM BEING
CONSIDERED. (THERE IS A THEORETICAL OPTION OF
OUR ASKING SOMEONE ELSE TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION
ON OUR BEHALF. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNDIGNIFIED
FOR US TO DO SO AND WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE MEM-
BERSHIP AS BEING AN ARTIFICIAL AND DEVIOUS MANEUVER.)

3. WE ARE PRESENTLY OPERATING UNDER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO
CONDUCT OURSELVES SO AS NOT TO BRING ABOUT A CONFRONTATION
WITH MEXICO AND NOT TO HAVE OUR CANDIDACY, WHICH IS
A MATTER OR RECORD, BECOME A BURDEN IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS
WITH MEXICO. WE HAVE BEEN SCRUPULOUS IN OUR DIPLOMACY
HERE; WE HAVE TWISTED NO ARMS; WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY
WITH MEXICO, AND WE HAVE BEEN FOREMOST IN URGING A DECISION
BY CONSENSUS RATHER THAN BY CHOICE AMONG COMPETING CAN-
DIDACIES.
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4. I AM CLEAR IN MY OWN MIND THAT WE HAVE NOT BURDENED
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MEXICO. IN FACT, ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVES HERE HAVE ASKED US TO
PUT FORWARD OUR OWN RESOLUTION. THE MEXICAN PERMANENT REP-
RESENTATIVE HERE, ITS AMBASSADOR TO ECOSOC, AND ITS SCIENCE
ATTACHE (WHO IS MANAGING THE ITEM FOR MEXICO IN THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY) ALL HAVE JOINED IN ASKING US TO DO SO. I
CANNOT DEFINITIVELY INTERPRET THEIR MOTIVES. MY STAFF
BELIEVES THE MEXICANS RECOGNIZE THAT THEY WILL LOSE TO
ASUTRIA AND RATHER THAN THAT, MEXICO WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE
CONFERENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

5. ACTING ON YOUR STANDING INSTRUCTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT
MAINTAINS THE POSITION THAT WE SHOULD NOT INTRODUCE
A RESOLUTION ON OUR BEHALF. ASIDE FROM WHETHER WE IN THE
END WANT THE CONFERENCE OR NOT, I AM FRANKLY CONCERNED AT THE
EFFECT ON OUR CREDIBILITY OF FIRST MAKING KNOWN OUR WILLINGNESS
TO HOST A CONFERENCE YET AVOIDING THE FORTHRIGHT PROCEDURAL
STEPS NEEDED TO ALLOW OTHERS TO DECIDE IN OUR FAVOR. I ASK
YOU TO RECONSIDER THE MATTER IN LIGHT OF THE MOST RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

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